

So what I wanted to do here, both for purposes of preserving some city prerogatives in a limited kind of way, and at the same time bringing this particular provision in line with the Clean Air Act and how we identified the relationship between the major cities and the Clean Air Act that was adopted, I took the language that I think finally has been agreed upon there and brought it into this act, so that the existing language of the bill, which I just read to you, would continue, but it would also say that the department may delegate, to cities of the metropolitan and primary classes, authority to implement and enforce a pesticide regulation program consistent with, and that's key language, it would have to be consistent with the act, and it would provide that any authority granted, if it were not handled in a manner that was approved by the Department of Agriculture, could be withdrawn. So basically the final authority is still in the Department of Agriculture, but I'm hoping that they will use this grant of ability to delegate, to work with and seriously consider delegating to those cities the enforcement authorities, such as I think is about to happen with the Clean Air Act, which historically has happened with the Clean Air Act. Now, I think they'll find that the whole program will work better if it's handled in that manner. But in any event, I wanted to be sure to establish the authority in the department to be able to do that. And that's the entire intent of this particular amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dierks, followed by Senators Will, Bromm and Baack. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, I'd like to ask for a division of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: How would you like to have it divided?

SENATOR DIERKS: The...I'd like to divide the question starting...ending with fines on line 10, and then the last sentence in the other division, nothing in this section. Everything from 110...line 1 through fines on line 10, and then....I think maybe that there's going to be a request to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, Madam President, some of that language was put in, I think, in 5401, and I simply overlooked it. So I would withdraw this amendment. Thank you.